Hockey training to youth in Jharkhand districts

393. MS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special plan to train youth of Simdega, Gumla, Lohardaga districts where large number of hockey players of international fame come from;

(b) The allocation of funds for hockey in Gumla and Sindega districts in the last five years;

(c) whether Government plan to have residential schools for training these naturally inclined hockey players of the area; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Sports is a State subject and the development of sports at the State level is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Government of India is supplementing their efforts through the following schemes of the Sports Authority of India:

(i) National Sports Talents Contest Scheme (NSTC)

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

(iii) Special Area Games (SAG)

(iv) SAI Training Centres (STC)

(v) Centre of Excellence.

Under these schemes, the Sports Authority of India is scouting for talent in the age group of 8-25 years form all over India, including tribal areas in the State of Jharkhand. Sportspersons trained under these schemes are provided free boarding and lodging, sports kit, equipment, competition exposure, medical insurance cover and scientific support. Expert coaches provide training to talented children admitted under these schemes.

For the induction of talented sportspersons including hockey player, in SAI schemes, wide publicity is given. Talented Sportspersons from

Simdega, Gumla and Lohardaga also take part in the selection process. SAI is, at present, running the following Training Centres in the State of Jharkhand where hockey is one of the identified disciplines:

1. St. Ignatius High School, Gumla
2. Government Girls High School, Ranchi
3. Novodaya Vidyalaya, Mesra, Distt. Ranchi
4. Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tenughat, Distt. Bokoro
5. SAG, Ranchi.

(b) There is no SAI Centre at Simdega. The allocation of funds for the discipline of hockey in Gumla during the last 5 years is as under:—

Name of School	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	1.20	2.30	9.00	6.50	8.20

(c) and (d) SAI is already running sports training centres in Jharkhand where training in hockey is also provided to talented sportspersons.

Match fixing cases in Cricket

†394. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that came to the notice of the Government regarding fixing in circket matches during the last three years as on date;

(b) whether Central Government have conducted any investigation into the cases of match fixing;

(c) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(d) the steps taken by Government after investigation?

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